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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**JAMES BARRON,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**ASHLAND INC., a Kentucky  
Corporation, THE PRUDENTIAL  
INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA,  
a New Jersey Corporation; PRUDENTIAL  
FINANCIAL, a New Jersey Corporation;  
THE LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN OF  
ASHLAND INC. and DOES 1 through 10,  
inclusive,**

**Defendants.**

**CASE NO. CV 10-1301 SJO (VBKx)**

**(Honorable S. James Otero)**

**COUNSELS' JOINT FOLLOW-UP  
REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN  
INTENDED DECISION DATE IN A  
SUBMITTED MATTER  
PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 83-  
9.4 FOLLOW-UP DUTY OF  
COUNSEL**

**TO THE HONORABLE AUDREY B. COLLINS, CHIEF JUDGE:**

Pursuant to Local Rule 83-9.4 Follow-Up Duty of Counsel, "In the event the Court fails timely to make its decision or to advise the parties on an intended decision date, as required by L.R 83-9.3, counsel shall then file a joint request with the Chief Judge to establish an intended decision date. A copy of such request shall be filed in

1 the case." Counsel filed a Joint Request for a Decision in a Submitted Matter Pursuant  
2 to Local Rule 83-9.2 Duty of Counsel on July 15, 2011 (Docket #56.) Therefore, in  
3 accordance with the foregoing, counsel jointly and respectfully requests the Chief Judge  
4 to establish an intended decision date.

5 Respectfully submitted,

6 Stuart H. Sandhaus, APC

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8 Date: August 14, 2011

By: //s/ Stuart H. Sandhaus

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12 Date: August 16, 2011

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on August 16, 2011, I caused a copy of **COUNSELS' JOINT FOLLOW-UP REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN INTENDED DECISION DATE IN A SUBMITTED MATTER PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 83-9.4 FOLLOW-UP DUTY OF COUNSEL** to be served upon the following counsel in the manner described below:

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